Mr. Andy Pollock Executive Director Nebraska Public Service Commission 300 The Atrium 1200 N Street Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4927

Re: Application No. NG – 0028/PI-97
In the matter of the Commission, seeking to investigate and adopt policies for administration of Consumer Choice Programs offered by Jurisdictional Utilities for natural gas in Nebraska

Dear Mr. Pollock:

Cornerstone Energy, Inc. wishes to make the following comments on this issue.

- 1. There should be standard code of conduct with utilities participating in the program to have separation of their "consumer choice" program from their regulated gas procurement program as is currently being considered in the proposed affiliate rules.
- 2. A process should be developed to provide a cost comparison on an annual basis of what a typical residential customer's bill would have been using the regulated sales service as compared to the individual choice provider.
- 3. In general Cornerstone believes that the individual utility is in the best position to provide the most reliable and economical service to the residential customer through the use of it's regulated sales service. Residential customers are the least sophisticated of the various customer classes and also require the most secure and risk free gas supply service. It is the responsibility of the utility to provide this service.

Sincerely,

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